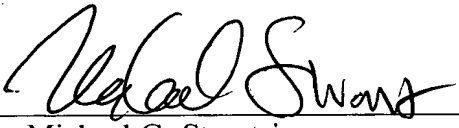


**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment is presented to place the application in proper form for examination and to eliminate multiple dependency from the present claims. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES**

3. A method according to [any preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said mobile station is in communication with a base transceiver station in the internal cellular communications network prior to hand-off.

5. A method according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the internal cellular communications network comprises an internal network controller which carries out the prediction and issues said hand-off advance request.

9. A network controller according to claim 7 [or 8], wherein said external network controller is in communication with said internal network controller by a packet communication path for transmission of said hand-off advance request.